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SUBJECT: PRESS ALLEGES JAPAN URGING U.S. TALKS WITH DRPK

1. ROK PRESS OCTOBER 17 HAS GIVEN FRONT PAGE TREATMENT TO SHORT AP ORIGIN ARTICLE ALLEGING JAPAN HAS URGED THE U.S. TO OPEN DIRECT DIALOGUE WITH NORTH KOREA. ARTICLE SAYS RECOMMENDATION WAS MADE BY JAPANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM TOKYO AND SAYS ROK FON MIN KIM TONG-CHO FLEW TO WASHINGTON MONDAY TO CONSULT WITH USG IN RESPONSE TO ALLEGED JAPANESE INITIATIVE.

2. COVERAGE SO FAR HAS BEEN CONCISE AND BLAND, WITH NO COMMENTARY OR EDITORIAL REACTION. ACCORDING TO JAPANESE EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY HAMADA, JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TOLD JAPANESE CORRESPONDENTS AND ROKG HERE SEVERAL DAYS AGO WHEN SIMILAR STORIES APPEARED IN TOKYO PRESS THAT ALLEGATIONS WERE "ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT FOUNDATION." HAMADA SAID ROKG HAS NOT YET ASKED JAPANESE EMBASSY ABOUT OCTOBER 17 STORIES.
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